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REMARKS

Summary Of The Office Action

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application.

The Examiner maintains the rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Martini et al (USP 6,675,015) in view of Mitts et al (USP 5,940,371).

In response to the previous Office Action, it was argued, among other things, that the references do not teach or suggest a message indicating setup completion of a connection with the external device transmitted from the new AP after a handoff occurs, as required by claim 1. In response, the Examiner states, "The examiner respectfully disagrees because such indication is inherent for a handoff process." Applicant respectfully submits that that such indication is not inherent for a handoff process.

In more detail, Mitts teaches after a handoff is effectuated, the mobile unit sends to the base station a LAST message that describes the last successfully received and forwarded cell. "As a response to the LAST message and to the signaling data on the handover that indicate the new base station, old base station 40 transmits to the new base station 50 the cells that were in the FIFO buffer..." Col. 8, lines 26-29. Thus, Mitts does not teach or suggest

a microcontroller for forwarding to a new Access Point (AP) said at least one of HCI data and transmission data buffered in the handoff buffer if a message indicating setup completion of a connection with the external device is transmitted

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from the new AP after a handoff occurs as the external device moves, in a state where the new AP is interlinked with the external device

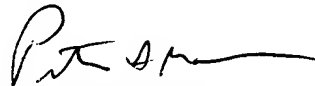
as is recited in claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the references, taken either alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the microcontroller of claim 1. Similar arguments apply to claims 5, 9 and 13.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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